

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 7 and 12 are amended based on the personal interview conducted with Examiner Le and Primary Examiner Corrielus on April 21. Furthermore, claims 13-15 are added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Le and Primary Examiner Corrielus during the April 21 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Specifically, claims 1, 6, 7 and 12 are amended to comply with the Examiner's helpful suggestions made during the interview.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Stewart (U.S. Patent No. 6,389,460); and claims 3, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stewart in view of Yokomizo (U.S. Patent No. 6,522,418). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

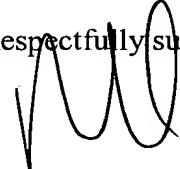
In particular, none of the applied references disclose or suggest a file management apparatus, including at least a name-generating section for acquiring information relating to the image data according to the structure information that is set by the structure information setting section to automatically generate the file name using the acquired information, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 6, 7 and 12.

During the personal interview, the Examiners agreed that the applied references fail to disclose or suggest this feature. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-15 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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